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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MICHAEL MEZEI and ADRIENN GESZTES

Serial No.: 236,724

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For: LIPOSOMAL LOCAL ANESTHETIC AND ANALGESIC PRODUCTS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the November 2, 1989 Office Action, please enter the following amendments and reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. If a fee needs to be paid in order to enter this Amendment or to consider it timely filed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 4, amend claim 1 and add new claim 16 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for providing local anesthesia or analgesia to a mammal which comprises topically applying a composition to said mammal in an amount of between about 0.005 to 0.5 g/cm² of surface to be anesthetized, said composition containing an anesthetic or analgesic agent selected from the group consisting of benzocaine, xylocaine, ketocaine, methyl salicylate, trolamine salicylate, lidocaine, prilocaine, tetracaine, pramoxine and dibucaine, encapsulated within lipid vesicles in an amount of between about 0.1 to 10% by wt. of said composition.

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